

Metro Women's Club

Just Between Friends

NEWSLETTER

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September 2025

Extend the Hand of Friendship

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well friends, is it hot enough for you? Guess we just need to remember that it's August in Nebraska and that our beautiful Fall weather will be upon us soon! And, with those awesome Autumn colors, comes an array of MWC activities. The Silent Auction committee is fast at work with our first fundraiser of the year. Carol's House of Hope is the Charity we are supporting! Mark your calendar's for this event happening on Tuesday, October 14th at The Arbor! The gals are accepting your donations to help them complete their baskets. They would also love your homemade "yummies". Contact Sarah Chvala and her fellow chairpersons for getting your items to them.

Also, you'll want to take note of our next Dine and Donate as well as our next Social. The Newsletter will have the dates and times!

You ladies are amazing! Louann and I love seeing all the new friendships developing. Smiling faces are the best! Share your smile and make a new friend! Fondly, Rosemary

2025—2026 Chairity: Carole's House of Hope

Our Mission: Carole's House of Hope provides transitional living for young women and mothers who have aged out of foster care or are experiencing homelessness.

Our Impact: Our home-like environment, paired with innovative programs and services, encourages self-sufficiency and independence, promotes healing and ultimately restores hope.

Our Vision: To ignite hope in women and mothers and inspire them to discover their individual promise, purpose and power to influence their families, impact their communities and change their world.

Forever Family. Forever Hope. Forever a Legacy. www.caroleshouseofhope.org

DINE AND DONATE

Ladies, get ready for some delicious meals coming up for our Dine and Donate Events. Mark your calendars on Thursday, **September 25th** for a new dining experience at **Jimi D's Restaurant**, **6303 Center Street**. They'll be serving up American and Italian dishes, including burgers, pasta, and seafood. Dine in or carry out from 11 am to 9 pm. Be sure to mention that you are from Metro Women's club and they will graciously donate 10% of our receipts to Carole's House of Hope. See you there on September 25th. Thanks for your faithful support!



SILENT AUCTION

Well, it's official: our Silent Auction theme this year is "Angels Among Us", and each of you depicts this theme in some way. Thanks to those who were able to bless the SA Team with gift items at the luncheon last Tuesday. Just a reminder that these need to be items that you yourself would bid on. Your faithful Team has been working almost a month now, and has some suggestions, listed below, to pass along to you. These are some of the normal items that make our job easier when available, but feel free to surprise us with your offerings from your travels over the summer.

Wine or other beverages Coffee/Teas Sports Items Kitchen, Theme or guest towels

Wine Glasses Go Big Red Gear Spa Items Games/Good Books

Bakeware Art/Decor Gift Cards Candles

Cocktail Glasses Unique Foods Jewelry

Again, thanks for how your gifts will bless Carole's House of Hope. Let's keep this Team busy creating those lovely baskets. Call Sarah Chvala with questions.

DIRECTORY

Ladies, thank you to all that have picked up your directories at the MWC Monthly Luncheons. For those that haven't gotten yours they will be at the September Luncheon. If you can't make it by September to pick up your directory please reach out to a friend to pick it up for you, this saves on mailing cost. Thank you for all your help in distributing the MWC Directory.

MEMBERSHIP

Please help us keep our membership information up to date! If you have moved, changed your email address or phone number, you can let us know by completing "Change of Address" section on the Metro Women's Club website. The following link will take you directly to the form. www.metrowomensclub.org/change-of-address If you have any questions, please contact Marcelene Lewis. Thank you!

CARDS

If any of our members need a card of Cheer, Get Well, Congratulations or Sympathy sent, please contact Linda Nelson. She will send a card out to them. Staying connected is extremely important to us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday September 9th 11:30 am SOCIAL 12:00pm LUNCH

At: Millard Social Hall, 10508 S 144th St, Omaha

Please do not call the Hall to make reservations, or to cancel reservation – call: Patricia Thompson or Cella Best

Menu:

- 1. Buffet-Baked Meaty Lasagna served with green bean amandine, house salad, and Breadsticks
- 2. Vegetation/Vegan option-Chickpea Curry, with Basmati Rice

Coffee, Tea and Water are included. A cash bar will also be available.

Cost: \$27.00 per person includes taxes(5.5%) service fee (18%), rental fee, and bar.

Cash or Check only, WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS.

Please have your form of payment ready prior to heading to the cashiers, this makes for a faster check in and gives you me to socialize before lunch is served.

Members: If you do not receive a call Sept 2nd and wish to attend, please call Patricia or Cella. If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller, your guest's name and luncheon choice. Must RSVP if you don't want to be turned away at the door. Thank you.

Cancellations: Any cancellations must be made by Sept 3rd, or you will be expected to pay for your luncheon. NO EXCEPTIONS Callers: Please have your attendees choices to Cella, Julie or Patricia by Sept 2nd

Luncheon co-chairs: Julie Dunn, Cella Best, or Patricia Thompson

Program: Our speakers will be Bill and Robbie Lawler from the Mormon Trail Center. They are historic site leaders for the Nebraska and Iowa Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. They will be talking about the Mormon Trail and the early settlers/pioneers in Omaha.

Program co-chairs: Mary Ellen Anderson & Peggy Christ

BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday September 16th 10:00 am

At: Millard Branch Omaha Public Library, 13214 Westwood Lane, Omaha

BIRTHDAY BASH— 3rd Tuesday, September 16th 11:30 am

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME EACH MONTH NO MATTER WHEN YOUR BIRTHDAY IS!

At: Mouth of the South

16909 Lakeside Hills Plz, Omaha

Sign up at the Social Noon Luncheon, or call/text Judy Mumm or Dee Bigge to attend or cancel

GAD-A-BOUTS — 5th Tuesday September 30th 10:00 am. NOTE - 5th Tuesday.

Meet at **11809 Old Maple Road, Omaha** to enjoy nature at **Heron Haven Wetland Sanctuary** - handicapped accessible! A guide will take us along some of 3 short trails totalling .32 miles. Benches are strategically located along the trails. No pets, please. Lunch following at **Jo Jo's Diner, 13110 Birch Drive Suite 100**. Carpoolers meet at the south end of Family Fare parking lot 144th & Center Sts at 9:40 am. For those not carpooling meet at Heron Haven at 10:00 am

RSVP Dorris Heaston

More information: www.heronhaven.org or facebook.com/HeronHaven

SWEET PEAS GARDEN CLUB Friday, August 29th (September still in planning stages)

August activity is a trip to the Garden Gallery & Main Street Studios & Gallery in Old Town Elkhorn followed by lunch To carpool, meet at 9:30 am in the Family Fare parking lot at 144th and Center St, Omaha. For those not carpooling meet there at 10:00 am. Additional information on Page 6.

FUTURE EVENTS

HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE ***Save the Date***

December 02, 2025

A great event is coming WITH SAVORY TREATS & YUMMY SWEETS. Enjoy a fun filled game of sharing and stealing precious treasures. Such a great way to get in the Holiday Spirit and the joy of giving. Be sure to start shopping for a great Exchange Gift @\$ 20.00 Have fun watching for those sales. More details to follow in October!

SOCIALS

October 4th 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

High Heel at Stinson Park Rescheduled—additional information on page 6

Any questions contact Cindy Popp or Darlene Gaeta

LET'S GO PLACES

APRIL 24—30, 2026 - 6 days in the historic south! 2 days each in St. Augustine, Savannah, and Charleston. \$2,575 based on today's airfares, booking before Oct 9th. After, add \$400. Insurance not included. Call Barb Bures if interested!

JUNE 18 2026 - 11 days French Riverboat cruise, includes all meals, cruising, 3 nights in Paris, day at the Louvre, full day at Normandy/ Omaha beach, palace of Versailles, ground transportation, **airfare**... through Gate 1. Already have 6 people booked! Call me for info to book. Riverboats have very limited cabins. Yes it will sell out! Down payment now, final due December 31. \$4,900 pp

AUGUST 2026 - Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. So excited to offer this at a great price!!! More later.

Chairperson: Barb Bures

LET'S GO PLACES (DAY TRIPS)

October 15, 2025 - Enjoy a full day exploring Nebraska City and Brownville, Nebraska. Shop for fall apple products and taste a variety of fruit wines. Enjoy the fall colors of the beautiful Nebraska countryside - \$110. Additional details on page 6

November 13, 2025—The Brown Family 25th Anniversary Christmas Show - \$137. Includes luncheon buffet containing turkey & dressing, roast beef, pork loin, green beans, cheesy potatoes, salad, and cheesecake. Additional details on page 7

December 11, 2025 — Omaha Symphony Christmas & Cascio's Steakhouse Dinner - \$150

Before the show, enjoy a steak or salmon dinner at Cascio's Steakhouse. An Omaha family holiday tradition, this Broadway style production features a Rockette-style kick line of Santas, beautiful holiday sets, and talented musical artists. I have gone the last 2 years and have loved it. Plan on making it an annual event. Additional details on page 7.

To register for tours, Travel Cat Tours 531-777-2124 or <u>info@travelcattours.com</u>

Payment for trip is not usually required at the time the reservations is made.

Travel Club Chairperson: Cindy Carlson

BIRTHDAY GALS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date
Linda Van Dyke	09/02	Janice Miller	09/05	Diane Dobrinska	09/16	Mary Egan	09/21
Kathryn Allen	09/03	Jerri Cone	09/07	Anna Nelson	09/16	Kay Subbert	09/24
Shirley Raleigh	09/03	Jacque Bandiera	09/09	Vicki Riley	09/16	Linda Nelson	09/25
Sue Temme	09/04	CeCe Carlson	09/09	Karla Smith	09/16	Ginny Vomacka	09/25
Susan Christiansen	09/05	Micki Lehotak	09/09	Sharon Hardage	09/18	LouAnn Norton	09/27
Mary Beth Manninger	09/05	Sandra Hammond	09/13	Marcella (Cella) Best	09/20	Dee Bigge	09/30

^{***}Note the change in format displaying the members name first

THE PERSONALS

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Donna Arlt - Knee Replacement issues Rosemary Bliss - Brother's Passing Ann Thomson - Surgery Carolyn Will - Friendship Anna Nelson - COVID Mary Lou Jambor - COVID Sally Itschner—COVID Jean Cully—Hospitalization

THANK YOU

Dear MWC members, thank you for your well wishes and support through my recent hospitalization for breathing issues. Hugs Jean

MEMBERS GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

It is with great sadness that the family of Cherry Prochaska announced her passing. She had been a member since 2013 and will be deeply missed.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

NEW MEMBERS	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL	BIRTHDAY
Dee Bigge		Updated		

MEMBERSHIP WAIT LIST FOR 2026

Listed below is our most current "Waiting List" for Club Membership. If you have a friend that would like to Join Metro Women's please send me an email with your friends name and contact information, including a phone number. We will only be admitting new members again after May 31st 2026, but you certainly can get their name on the list. If you have any questions please email me.

Thank you, Marcelene Lewis, Membership/Renewals

Wait List	Date Added	Sponsored By	Wait List	Date Added	Sponsored By
Shawn McCarville	05/13/2025	Project Pink'd	Cheryl Henkenius	07/18/2025	Linda Flora
Jeanette Bonaventura	06/08/2025	Deann Zens	Jill Reisch	07/18/2025	Linda Flora
Denise Tharp	06/16/2025	Sandy Major	Jane Hagebush	08/06/2025	Darlene Palmer
Chris Gilmore	06/16/2025	Sandy Major	Ellen Lake	08/15/2025	Past Member
Colleen Haack	06/20/2025	Jaunita Hammen			
Dianne Armandus	07/15/2025	Sharon Price			

GARGAGE SALE 2026

The annual garage sale has been a very successful activity to raise money for our Charity. We are looking for club members interested in participating on a committee to organize this event for 2026. Now is a great time to start this activity with plenty of time for planning. If you are interested please call Pat Goodyear.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

EVENING BUNCO

1st Wednesday, September 3rd 6:30pm Hostess: Juanita Hammen

August Results:

High Score: Connie Gibb Most Buncos: Cheryl Rueb Low Score: Paizlyn Blackmore Door Prize: Sharon Duignan

Diane Dobrinska

ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE

Starting back up

1st Tuesday, September 2nd 11:30 am

Oakview Red Lobster (Bar area) 2707 S 140th St, Omaha

Schedules and Score sheets will be provided that day

If you would like to play or learn more, please call

Celeste Giery

DINING INN- GOURMET DINING CLUB -NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday Rescheduled due to holiday September 8th 12:00 pm

Hostess: Pat Goodyear

BOOK CLUB

3rd Friday, September 19th 9:30 am Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha

Book: REMARKABLE BRIGHT CREATURES Author: Shelby Van Pelt

Juanita Hammen

IMAGINE WRITERS GROUP

4th Wednesday, September 24th **Hostess: Jean Cully**

IMAGINE's writers welcomed Carolyn Will into our fold. Each of us shared what we have gained from our group: inspiration, connections, friendship, and a unique linking of meaningful ideas from diverse personalities. Karen's Part 2 "A Redwinged Blackbird," was a big hit, we laughed with Amy's "A Migraine and a Man," celebrated with Mary Lou's "A Summer Evening," and enjoyed Janis' memory poem of "Dad's Wind up Clock."

Nanci shared her experience with attending a library writing workshop and Kathy made us laugh with her story of a "Computer Prank." Jean's poems were intense so it was good to experience laughter. Laughter helps reduce stress, enhances our immunity, elevates our mood, relieves pain, and strengthens our resilience. Through our writing we found a reason to laugh today, I hope you do too. A new group is being formed, call chairperson Jean Cully to join. Next meeting August 27.

LUNCH TIME BUNCO

2nd Friday, September 12th 11:00 am Hostess: Mary Ellen Anderson

August Results:

Most Wins: Ann Thomson Most Buncos: Darlene Palmer Most Losses: Cella Best Door Prize: Dennis Swanson

Linda Davis

SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB

Friday, August 29th (September TBD)

August activity is a trip to the Garden Gallery & Main Street Studios & Gallery in Old Town Elkhorn followed by lunch—additional information on Page 7

Look for an email regarding September activity

The "Garden Club" is open to all MWC members. Join us for anything that interests you, everyone is welcome.

Patricia Thompson

DINING INN- GOURMET DINING CLUB-DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday September 15th 12:00 pm

Hostess: Judy Mumm

WALKING WITH THE ANIMALS

Every Friday year round

Morning walk at the Henry Doorly Zoo. Walking club members can check in at 7:30 AM during the summer months and 8:30 AM during the winter. Must be a Zoo Member!

Lorraine Mines

GAD-A-BOUTS Tuesday, September 30th 10:00 am Heron Haven Wetland Sanctuary 11809 Old Maple Road, Omaha

Details on page 2

Chair persons: Dorris Heaston and Sandy Major

AMERICAN MAHJONGG

2nd & 4th Thursday 1:00 pm-4:00 pm September 11th and September 25th Converge Church 14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha

> Contact Sandy for lessons. Observers are welcome!!

We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you!

Sandy Simpson

MORNING BUNCO

3rd Wednesday, September 17th 9:30 am Hostess: Juanita Hammen

August Results:

Most Wins: Carole Thompson Most Buncos: Margi Vice Low Score: Diane Dobrinska Door Prize: Deborah Jones

Diane Dobrinska

BRIDGE

2nd Wednesday, September 10th 11:00 am Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha

August Results

First Place: Anna Nelson Second Place: Marilyn Conner Third Place: Shirley Puls Fourth Place: Mary Egan

This is **NOT** a closed group. All levels of players are accepted in this friendly group of ladies. Please, if you are a bridge player and want to play, call, text, or email: Anna

DINING INN- GOURMET DINING CLUB-LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday

September 18th 12:30 pm

Hostess: Celest Giery

SOCIAL HOUR

1st Thursday, September 4th 3:00 pm LET IT FLY 1311 S 203rd St

Please no saving seats! Chance to meet and have fun with your fellow members! You never know who you might meet!

Doris Helfrich

Why don't ants get sick?

They have anty-bodies

CINEMA CHICKS

4th Friday, September 26th

Look for an email the last Tuesday of the month with the details: movie, location, & time.

Suggestions for movies are welcome!

Diane Stein or Angela Stoll



Friday, August 29th

The Garden Gallery & Main Street Studios & Gallery

We will visit Old Town Elkhorn, The Garden Gallery, and Main Street Studio followed by lunch

To carpool, meet at 9:30am in the Family Fare Parking Lot at 144th and Center



Saturday, October 4, 2025 At 7PM — 10PM

High Heel at Stinson Park RESCHEDULED!

Public—Event by High Heel the band Omaha



Grab your sisters, chairs and pack a cooler for another Social with Metro Women's Club!

Husbands and friends invited to this free concert in Stinson Park on October 4th from 7-10pm!

There is a food court across the street with many options available. Best parking is in Baxter Arena parking and walk across the street at the stop light and crosswalk.

We will be located toward the back on the left side. Look for the balloons!! Hope to see you there.

Any questions contact Cindy Popp or Darlene Gaeta. Cindy 402 690 6719 Darlene 402 290 4057







Nebraska City Apples & Fall Colors

Enjoy a fall day exploring Nebraska City and Brownville, Nebraska. Shop for fall apple products and taste a variety of fruit wines. Enjoy the fall colors of the beautiful Nebraska countryside.

This morning, we visit the impressive Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, located on a scenic 79 acre wooded bluff overlooking the Missouri River. In the 12,000 square foot visitor center, you will explore the world that unfolded to Lewis and Clark as they passed through this area in 1804—and again on their return journey in 1806. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Missouri River valley adorned in fall colors. Learn about the animals, birds, fish, plants, and medicinal discoveries of the expedition. Highlights also include a life size keelboat and a full size replica of a Plains Indian earth lodge.

Next, we travel to the historic St. Benedict Catholic Church in Nebraska City. Enjoy a delicious homemade luncheon buffet, lovingly prepared by the women of the parish. After lunch, take a few moments to explore the historic 1861 church building. This afternoon



ish. After lunch, take a few moments to explore the historic 1861, church building. Ihis afternoon we visit the scenic Kimmel Orchard and Vineyard, a beloved 80 acre destination filled with fruit trees and vineyards. Upon arrival, enjoy a relaxing, senior friendly wagon ride through the orchard, complete with easy boarding steps, a covered roof, and comfortable bench seating. As you ride, you will hear engaging stories about the orchard's rich history and fun facts about its many fruit varieties. After the tour, take time to explore the Apple Barn Market, stocked with locally made treats-jams, jellies, apples, cider, and more.

Next, we travel south to the charming, historic river town of Brownville, a hidden gem along the Missouri River. Our first stop is the Flatwater Folk Art Museum, located in a beautifully renovated church. This unique museum features a rich and varied collection of folk art--from early American traditions to the bold expressions of the American Southwest. Owner George

Neubert, a respected curator and artist, will personally lead our group on a private guided tour, sharing the stories and significance behind each piece. His insights bring the artwork to life, making this experience a favorite among past tours to the museum. Our final destination is Whiskey Run Creek Winery, where you will enjoy a relaxing wine tasting experience. This charming winery offers a delightful blend of history and scenic beauty. Sip wine on the deck of a beautfully restored 110 year old barn, peacefully suspended over a gentle stream—a setting that captures the rustic charm of Nebraska's countryside. Adding to its appeal, the winery sits on the site of an original 1860s distillery, giving it a rich sense of history. Be sure to ask Ron, the friendly winery owner, to show you the original brewery cave, still intact from those early days, where barrels of beer and whiskey were once stored.



Wednesday, October 15, 2025 8:45 am - 6:30 pm \$110 per person

For reservations, call 531-777-2124 or register online at www.travelcattours.com



Travel Cat Christmas Tours

The Brown Family 25th Anniversary Christmas Show



Thursday, November 13, 2025 Le Mars. Iowa

- Featuring our Branson Style, Family Friendly,
 High Energy, Uplifting Christmas Extravaganza at their new 400 seat theater
- Enjoy beautifully orchestrated music, with stunning arrangements of your favorite Christmas songs like "O Holy Night", "Silver Bells", "Mary Did You Know", "Little Drummer Boy", "Joy to the World" and many more wonderful holiday tunes.
- Includes luncheon buffet containing turkey & dressing, roast beef, pork loin, green beans, cheesy potatoes, salad, and cheesecake

\$137.00 per person

Omaha Symphony Christmas & Cascio's Steakhouse Dinner



Thursday, December 11, 2025 Omaha, Nebraska

- Celebrate the season with conductor Ernest Richardson and the Omaha Symphony. Enjoy a stellar cast of singers and dancers that will send your spirits soaring with festive favorites and Christmas classics. An Omaha family holiday tradition, this Broadway style production features a Rockette-style kick line of Santas, beautiful holiday sets, and talented musical artists.
- Before the show, enjoy a steak or salmon dinner at Cascio's Steakhouse, one of the last surviving family-owned steakhouses in Omaha. Cascio's was established in 1946.

\$150.00 per person

Treat yourself this Christmas! Book both tours for \$287 per person



Contact Travel Cat Tours to register
531-777-2124 info@travelcattours.com
Or register online at www.travelcattours.com



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